

## **IC 27-8-27**

### **Chapter 27. Coverage for Services to Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities**

#### **IC 27-8-27-1**

##### **"Early intervention services" defined**

Sec. 1. For purposes of this chapter, "early intervention services" means services provided to a first steps child under IC 12-17-15-3 and 20 U.S.C. 1432(4).

*As added by P.L.121-1999, SEC.13.*

#### **IC 27-8-27-2**

##### **"First steps child" defined**

Sec. 2. For purposes of this chapter, "first steps child" means an infant or toddler from birth through two (2) years of age who is enrolled in the Indiana first steps program and is an insured.

*As added by P.L.121-1999, SEC.13.*

#### **IC 27-8-27-3**

##### **"First steps program" defined**

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "first steps program" means the program established under IC 12-17-15 and 20 U.S.C. 1431 et seq. to meet the needs of:

- (1) children who are eligible for early intervention services; and
- (2) their families.

The term includes the coordination of all available federal, state, local, and private resources available to provide early intervention services within Indiana.

*As added by P.L.121-1999, SEC.13.*

#### **IC 27-8-27-4**

##### **"Health insurance plan" defined**

Sec. 4. (a) For purposes of this chapter, "health insurance plan" means any:

- (1) hospital or medical expense incurred policy or certificate;
- (2) hospital or medical service plan contract; or
- (3) health maintenance organization subscriber contract;

provided to an insured.

(b) The term does not include the following:

- (1) Accident-only, credit, dental, Medicare supplement, long term care, or disability income insurance.
- (2) Coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance.
- (3) Worker's compensation or similar insurance.
- (4) Automobile medical payment insurance.
- (5) A specified disease policy issued as an individual policy.
- (6) A limited benefit health insurance plan issued as an individual policy.
- (7) A short term insurance plan that:
  - (A) may not be renewed; and
  - (B) has a duration of not more than six (6) months.

(8) A policy that provides a stipulated daily, weekly, or monthly payment to an insured during hospital confinement, without regard to the actual expense of the confinement.

*As added by P.L.121-1999, SEC.13.*

#### **IC 27-8-27-5**

##### **"Insured" defined**

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "insured" means an individual covered by a health insurance plan.

*As added by P.L.121-1999, SEC.13.*

#### **IC 27-8-27-6**

##### **Reimbursement of first steps program for early intervention services payments**

Sec. 6. A health insurance plan that provides coverage for early intervention services shall reimburse the first steps program for payments made by the program for early intervention services that are covered under the health insurance plan.

*As added by P.L.121-1999, SEC.13.*

#### **IC 27-8-27-7**

##### **Annual per child limit on reimbursement**

Sec. 7. The reimbursement required under section 6 of this chapter is limited to an annual maximum benefit of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) per first steps child.

*As added by P.L.121-1999, SEC.13.*

#### **IC 27-8-27-8**

##### **Reimbursement not to be applied to lifetime coverage limit**

Sec. 8. The reimbursement required under section 6 of this chapter may not be applied to any annual or aggregate lifetime limit on the first steps child's coverage under the health insurance plan.

*As added by P.L.121-1999, SEC.13.*

#### **IC 27-8-27-9**

##### **Payment of deductibles, copayments, or other expenses**

Sec. 9. The first steps program may pay required deductibles, copayments, or other out-of-pocket expenses for a first steps child directly to a provider. An insurer (as defined in IC 27-8-14.5-3) shall apply any payments made by the first steps program to the health insurance plan's deductibles, copayments, or other out-of-pocket expenses according to the terms and conditions of the health insurance plan.

*As added by P.L.121-1999, SEC.13.*